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SUBJ: PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS' PROJECTS

REF: MANILA 5500, MAY 11, 1973

1. IN MEETING WITH EMBOFF, PNR ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER  
JUAN DE CASTRO PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PNR  
PROJECTS:

A) CAGAYAN VALLEY AND SORSOGON RAILROAD EXTENSIONS -  
JAPANESE COMPANY OF C.ITOH HAS OFFERED UNDERTAKE THESE  
PROJECTS ON A TURNKEY BASIS. COSTS ESTIMATED AT  
PESOS 541 MILLION PLUS FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENT OF  
\$105 MILLION. PROPOSAL IS IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE AND  
DETAILS AS TO TERMS OF FINANCING, ETC. NOT YET AVAILABLE.

B) MANILA MASS TRANSIT. PHASE II - JIMENEZ CONFIRMED  
THAT JAPANESE WILL PROVIDE \$6.8 MILLION OUT OF RECENT  
PROJECT LOAN TO FINANCE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK SIGNALLING  
EQUIPMENT AND DIESEL COMMUTER CARS.

C) MANILA MASS TRANSIT. PHASE III - PLANS FOR  
PHASE III ARE BEING REVISED TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRIFICATION  
OF ENTIRE COMMUTER SYSTEM AND INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION AT  
LEVEL OF 150,000-200,000 PASSENGERS PER DAY. PNR PREPARING  
STUDY WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED TO NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOP-  
MENT AUTHORITY WITHIN SIX WEEKS. PROJECT COST ESTIMATED  
TO EXCEED \$100 MILLION. INITIAL REQUIREMENT WILL EXIST  
FOR SEVERAL HUNDRED ELECTRIC COMMUTER CARS AND SUBSEQUENT  
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REQUIREMENTS FOR ABOUT 50 CARS PER YEAR. PNR WILL BE

WILLING TO CONSIDER TURNKEY PROPOSALS. FINANCIAL PACKAGE  
WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT.

2. RECOMMEND COMMERCE INFORM QUALIFIED U.S. COMPANIES OF  
NEW APPROACH TO PHASE III OF MASS TRANSIT PROJECT. REQUIREMENT  
FOR LARGE NUMBER ELECTRIC COMMUTER CARS SUGGESTS POSSIBI-  
LITY OF IN-COUNTRY PRODUCTION THROUGH JOINT VENTURE OR  
LICENSING APPROACH. PROJECT STUDY WILL BE POUCHED WHEN  
AVAILABLE.  
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